

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
August 04, 2014**

Call to order: President Jim Minor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Minor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call found the following trustees to be present: Doug Smith, Roger Walker, Pam Anklam, Dennis Garmon, Jim McMahan and Barry Morgan. President Jim Minor and Clerk Alma Fair were also present. Treasurer Katie Stanley was absent.

Guests present were: Sue Gordon, Beth Hughes and News-Progress reporter Florence Hallford.

Closed Session:

Meeting of "The Mayor & Commissioners of a municipality organized under article 4 of the Municipal Code held to discuss matters, which relate solely to exercise their executive or administrative responsibilities."

1. 5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (5) Purchase or lease of Real Property
2. 5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (11) Litigation

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Anklam to go into closed session at 7:03 pm for the purpose of 5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (5) Purchase or lease of Real Property and 5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (11) Litigation.

YEA: Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan

MOTION CARRIED.

Return to Open Session:

A **Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by Morgan to return to opened session at 7:31 pm.

YEA: Walker, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith

MOTION CARRIED.

Action on Closed Session Items:

A **Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by Morgan to accept the counter offer on our counter offer we made on the current litigation to said property on east State Street.

YEA: Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

1. **Discussion and action** on proposed Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) program within the Village of Lovington – Sue Gordon presented
Sue Gordon – each member has received a packet beforehand on the TNR program. This program would cost \$25.00 per cat to be TNR. Gordon asked if there were any questions regarding the program.
Smith – Do we want to treat this request as a motion or as a directive?
Anklam – It could be part of animal control expense
Gordon – The ordinance should be amended to include the TNR program at some point.
Anklam – Euthanasia is not an answer but this would be help with the feral cats in the Village
McMahan – Only concern is if it gets around that we are the only town doing this program, will we be getting more cats dumped in town to be TNR?
Anklam – We have to get our cat numbers under control.

Walker and Smith – would be willing to do it for a year and see how it works.

Beth Hughes – With this program each cat will be given an ear notch to distinguish it from others that have not been altered; they are given a 3 year rabies shot, a 1 year distemper and respiratory virus vaccine and treated for ear mites before returning to the community.

Morgan – would like to go to county board and see if we can get some money to help with this program.

Gordon – for the \$100 a month the cost per household in a year would be \$2.38 per or .28 per month. In a 6 year period 1 female can produce 111 breeding female cats.

Morgan – believes that it will work and would like to go to county board first.

Garmon & Anklam – would like to proceed.

A **Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by Garmon to proceed with the program for 1 year and review in 3 months with Morgan going to the County Board and return with his report from them.

YEA: Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam

MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business - none

Minutes and action of Village Clerk – by Alma Fair

1. Discussion and action on July 2014 invoices

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Anklam to approve the July 2014 invoices as presented.

YEA: McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion and action on June 9, 2014 Closed Session Board meeting minutes

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Anklam to accept the June 9, 2014 Closed Session Board meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Discussion and action on July 7, 2014 Closed Session Board meeting minutes

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Smith to accept the July 7, 2014 Closed Session Board meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Discussion and action on July 7, 2014 ~~Closed~~^{amf} Regular Board meeting minutes

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to accept the July 7, 2014 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: Walker, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith

MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report – Stanley was absent so there was no report for this month

Department Reports

Presidents Report – by Jim Minor

1. Minor read a letter from the County Engineer regarding signs notice of letting which will be held at the County highway department.
2. **Follow up from June 2014 meeting re: contacting attorney about volunteers deterring violence at the park** – Minor spoke with our attorney for Garmon and was told we could not do this, it must be the police.

Water and Sewer Report – by Jim McMahan

1. The Fire Hydrant on the corner of Addition and Railroad has been repaired.
2. Switched chemicals in the water plant – saving approximately \$4.00 a gallon
3. Put a new motor on aerator #1 at sewer plant approximately \$450.00 – getting the cost on rebuild on blower #1 compared to a new one - Rebuild \$2800 New one \$2500 to \$3000.
4. Needs around 25 new meters at \$95 each, they aren't working properly. The life expectancy of a meter is 15 to 20 years and our meters are around 18 years old; McMahan had J. Doggett change out meters to all board members so those meters could be sent to a meter shop for testing. If they are 98% then we are okay. But may need to change out 100 meters per year. At some point will need to update the computer for reading meters to radio read. It is \$1000 to upgrade to radio read software and a charge for support. To go to radio read we would need to add radio top to the meters at \$135.00 per meter. Total cost per meter for radio read is \$217. We currently are in need 25 meters now; they can be converted to radio read later.

A Motion was made by McMahan and seconded by Garmon to purchase 25 meters at \$95.00 each.

YEA: Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker

MOTION CARRIED.

Parks and Special Projects –by Dennis Garmon

1. Park Recreation was last week and was well attended.
2. The bush by the monument was overgrown so it was removed.
3. Several large family reunions have been held at the park in the last few weeks.
4. The horse shoe pit has been used. Garmon noticed someone using it and talked to him. He was from Arthur and he used to play with Emmett Burcham. Garmon asked him about the sand or blue clay and was told if we put blue clay in it has to be maintained; watered down and if not taken care of can get hard as concrete, he thought the sand was fine. Garmon will talk to Sara Gale regarding that.

Police – by Pam Anklam

1. Discussion and action on the Police Policies and Procedures Manual

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by Morgan to accept the Police Policies and Procedures Manual as presented.

YEA: Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Police report for July - Reports taken – 28, Calls dispatched – 29, Calls officer initiated – 6, Vehicle Accidents – 0, Ordinance Citations Issued – 0, Warning Citations issued – 1, State Citations Issued – 5, Juvenile Cases - 12, Misdemeanor Cases – 5, Felony Cases – 4, Agency Assists – 5, Total hours – 386
3. Animal Control Report for July – Total number of calls: 7, Dog – 6, Cat – 0, other - 1 Stray dog – 5 Feral Cat – 0, Humane Assist – 1, Bite Case – 0, Wildlife - 2.

Streets and Alleys – by Doug Smith

1. Smith read a letter from Annette Coslow of the Lovington Public Library. On Friday 8/22/14 from 6-8:30 pm the Library will be hosting a Back to School Bash for all kids in Lovington along with area churches. They are requesting to close State Street from Broadway to the library.

A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Anklam to close State Street from Broadway to the library on August 22, 2014 from 6-8:30 pm.

YEA: McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Road oiling has been done and the bill hasn't arrived yet.
3. Lots of trees have been trimmed and weed eating has been done around town.
4. Sidewalk on State Street W of Chris Gillis to corner needs replaced at the cost of \$2,950.
Morgan would like to have a check list for the person installing sidewalks for the Village so that our guys aren't cleaning up after it is finished.
Discussion of other places needing sidewalks replaced was discussed. If we do the State Street repair we would be finishing up that block. There is \$6250 available in the Motor Fuel fund for sidewalk repair/replacement.
Morgan is okay with Walker and Smith getting together and report back next month with which sidewalks to replace, this is the consensus of the board.
5. Dodge truck isn't running right again; the starter went out on S-10.
6. Streets downtown have been painted for the bike show this next weekend. Minor - flags will be put up this weekend also for the bike show.

Buildings and Grounds – by Roger Walker

1. **Follow up from July 2014 meeting re: rocking Dewey Street and adjoining alley north of Dale Jones property.** This has been taken care of.

Insurance – by Barry Morgan
Nothing to report

Adjournment

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

YEA: Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan

MOTION CARRIED



Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

September 8, 2014

Date Approved